

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 141

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Curtis Mawk of Church Hill.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Curtis Mawk of Church Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mawk was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Mawk served with acumen and alacrity as a high school coach, a teacher, an administrator, and an official, in which positions he earned the respect of his students, players, and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his coaching; and

WHEREAS, a native and life-long resident of Church Hill, Curtis Mawk was the son of James and Stella Overbay Mawk; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mawk taught and coached numerous sports at Surgoinsville High School and Volunteer High School, coached and officiated at Eastman Recreation Club summer youth programs for more than twenty years, and stood as Assistant Principal at Church Hill Middle School until his retirement in 2006; and

WHEREAS, his baseball, football, and basketball players remember him as a tough but fair coach, attributing many of their later achievements to the intensity of his training; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mawk was an active and devout member of Grange Hall United Methodist Church, which he regularly attended for the past twenty-three years, giving his time to keep the grass mowed and attend to other maintenance needs; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Mawk enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-seven years, Katie E. Mawk, and was the proud father and father-in-law of Karen and Kendall Cayson and Rusty Mawk; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife and children; his sister, Elizabeth Castle; his brother and his brother's wife, Robert and Tresa Mawk; his nieces and nephews, Bobby Castle, Donna Watson, Chucky Mawk, Michael Mawk, Britton Mawk, and Amy Crowley; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Mawk leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Coach Curtis Mawk, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Curtis Mawk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.